



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2012

2:30 – 4:30 pm

State Land Building

Pharmacy Board, Conference Room

1616 W. Adams Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Trudy W. Schuett, Joe Woods, Karla Averill, Mary Busch, Jennifer Cain, Phil Carll, Brittany Carter, Johannah Uriri Glover, Randy Maskell, Karen Richards, and Hannele Waissi

Council Members Absent

Anne Morrison and Bernadine Hoffman

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, Pam Jackson and Nancy Whitman

Guest Present and Signing In

Jennifer Ramirez, Ned Bulj, and Nichole Thurlow

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes

Acting Committee Chair and Council Chairman Joe Woods called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the May 10, 2012 SHAC draft minutes, *Trudy Schuett made a motion to approve as presented; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

In reference to the wrap up of the Oral Health Sub-Committee, Council Chairman and Acting Committee Chairman Joe Woods presented a certificate of appreciation to Co-Chair Mary Busch thanking her for her work on the endeavor.

Legal Services & Tribal Presentation & Discussion

Jennifer Ramirez, Legal Services Developer and Tribal Liaison for the DES Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) provided an overview of DAAS programs and detailed the work she is doing as the Legal Services Developer and Tribal Liaison. According to Ms. Ramirez, future projects include an Elder Law Day in 2013, guardianship training and application for a statewide legal assistance systems grant. A copy of Ms. Ramirez' presentation is available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Oral Health – Updates from Coalitions & Plans for posting DVD on Website

Mary Busch provided an update on the regional oral health coalitions on behalf of Julia Wacloff, Chief, Office of Oral Health at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). According to Ms. Busch, continued grant funding through the U.S. Department of Human and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration is needed to sustain the work of the coalitions. Ms. Busch also reported that a presentation given by Margaret Perry, RDH titled *The Importance of Oral Health as We Age* by is being recorded and will be made available on DVD and posted to the Oral Health webpage at ADHS as an additional resource.

Updates on SHAC Initiatives

National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) & Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force

Phil Carll, Program and Advocacy Director for the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, provided an update on the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease as well as the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force noting that draft recommendations are being developed by all four Work Teams with the intent to align with the major goals of the National Plan which are:

1. Prevent and Effectively Treat Alzheimer's Disease by 2025
2. Optimize Care Quality and Efficiency
3. Expand Supports for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Their Families
4. Enhance Public Awareness and Engagement
5. Track Progress and Drive Improvement

Mr. Carll also reminded those in attendance of the importance of advocacy with elected officials at federal and state level.

Arizona Caregiver Coalition and Respite

On behalf of David Besst, Jenifer Cain updated the Committee on the August 1st kick off of the Caregiver Resource Line that will offer family caregivers a way to call to get help with information and referrals from trained Caregiver Advocate Volunteers.

Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition

Cathy De Lisa read a message received from Debby Elliott at the Area Agency on Aging Region One providing updates on the coalition. In addition to the grant funding received, the survey of home health agencies has been developed and is being field tested; planning is underway for an event on National Fall Prevention Awareness Day on Sept 21, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital (Phoenix). Jennifer Cain provided additional details on the planning for the September 21st event that included booths, presentations, and screenings.

Announcements

- Karen Richards announced the Fall Arizona Geriatrics Society conference is October 25 – 27, 2012 and provided Save the Date cards for those interested. A copy of the card is available through the Council on Aging office.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m. by Acting Committee Chairman and Council Chairman Joe Woods.

Next Meeting:

The next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee is scheduled for September 13, 2012; location to be confirmed and announced via public meeting notice on the Advisory Council on Aging's website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.